

## SHERIDAN'S ROOM

## CONSIDERED A SIDE-SHOW FOR JOHN SHERMAN.

Riddleberger, Again—Rivers and Harbors—James River Improvement—Notice to Those Interested.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 8.—The Sheridan boom started in Boston last week has at last reached Washington, but considering that this is the headquarters of the General of the Army, it has not as yet materialized encouragingly. At the War Department the officers on duty smile very ambiguously when his candidacy is mentioned. They are placed in a very embarrassing position between two fires. They would be very glad to be considered enthusiastic Sheridan men but for the fact that the Secretary of War is emphatically not a Sheridan man. As a Democrat, he is presumed to be opposed to any Republican, but as the Secretary of War he is known to be opposed to the General of the Army. From the time of Stanton and McClellan that has always been the relation between these two offices, and under all administrations there has been an irreconcilable antagonism between the General of the Army and his official superior in the Cabinet. Doubtless a great majority of the army officers are Republicans, and would be glad to see General Sheridan in the White House, but they are not now managing his canvass through the efforts of the other southern States and the West. They are making a still hand. That has always been Maloney's favorite campaign method in Virginia, and as John Sheridan is a Republican, he is now managing his canvass through the efforts of the other southern States and the West.

RIDDLEBERGER. Senator Riddleberger is doubtless a Biblical scholar, and he seems to have laid to heart the parable of the poor widow and the mustard seed. While not a poor widow himself he certainly looks upon the President of the Senate as an unjust judge. In fact, he told him this morning in open session that he was "much more intelligent than the President of the Senate that he was in the chair." If persistence will accomplish anything Mr. Riddleberger will some of these days get a vote on his resolution to proceed to the consideration of the extradition treaty in open session.

Mr. Teller to take up a bill relating to Colorado lands, and insisted upon his right to have a ruling from the Chair as to his resolution, which he had offered a week ago, and had been told must be over one day under the rules. He said he would not be over one day under the rules. He said he would not be over one day under the rules. He said he would not be over one day under the rules.

AN APPEAL. Mr. Riddleberger said: "I appeal from the decision of the Chair," and instead of taking his seat maintained the floor and stood like Ajax defying the lightning. A momentary pause followed, when Mr. Ingalls proceeded to read the bill. The Senate then adjourned. Mr. Riddleberger was clearly out of order, but still his attempt to break up the secret sessions of the Senate has the sympathy of the public.

## RIVERS AND HARBORS.

The River and Harbor Committee has at last reached Virginia, and at its meeting to-day, on the motion of Representative Wise, Friday next at 10 o'clock was fixed for hearing any delegations from Virginia in behalf of the improvements of rivers and harbors in that State. The James river improvement will be first to be considered, and if the people of Richmond desire to be heard in that behalf Mr. Wise says they had better have their representatives promptly on hand. The House committee on Commerce to-day took up the bill to change the boundaries of the Fourth collection district of Virginia. This bill proposes to divide the waters of Hampton Roads about equally between the districts of Norfolk and Newport News. At present nearly all these waters are embraced in the Norfolk district. General Wickham, Mr. John A. Curtis of Richmond, and ex-Representatives Phil. Thompson and Libbey appeared in favor of the Norfolk district, again to-day. The committee are inclined to favor the bill because it has been endorsed by the Treasury Department, but at the request of Mr. Bowden agreed to postpone the consideration of the subject to Tuesday week, when a hearing will be had before the full committee.

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The resolution offered some days since by Mr. Ely instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations to prepare a statement showing the political organization of the Dominion of Canada and of several provinces of which it is composed, and of the geographical relations sustained by them to the United States and various other matters, was taken up and adopted. A bill was passed to-day, No. 100, for a public building in Kansas City. The bill for the relief of importers of animals for breeding purposes in certain cases was taken up and passed. It directs the Secretary of the Treasury to remit all duties upon the importations of animals for breeding purposes, whether imported for the importer's own use or for sale, and provides that the fact of such importation shall be sufficient defense in any pending action.

## THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES WILL HEAR THE FISH COMMISSION AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MENHADEN FISHERIES ON WEDNESDAY NEXT AT 10 O'CLOCK.

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